

REMARKS

Applicants submit the present Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2006. Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 22-31, and the indication that Claims 14-16 and 20-21 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended Claim 12 to include the recitations of Claims 13 and 14, thereby placing Claims 12, 15-16 and 18-21 in condition for allowance. Applicants have cancelled Claims 13 and 14 in light of the above amendments. Claims 20 and 21 have also been amended to correct the informalities noted in the Office Action. Accordingly, Claims 12, 15-16 and 18-31 are all directed to subject matter that has been indicated as allowable.

Applicants have also added new Claims 50-64 to the application. Applicants respectfully submit that the previously cited references do not, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the subject matter of new Claims 50-64, and hence allowance of these claims is respectfully requested as well.

Respectfully submitted,



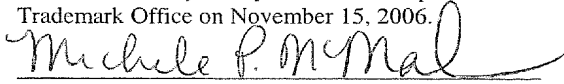
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